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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Richard A. Shimkets

SERIAL NUMBER : 09/998,966

EXAMINER : Olga N. Chernyshev

FILING DATE : October 31, 2001

ART UNIT : 1646

FOR : NOVEL NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES ENCODING HUMAN FIBROBLAST
GROWTH FACTOR-LIKE POLYPEPTIDES

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office action mailed April 8, 2003 in the above-identified application.

With the extension, the response is due on or before August 8, 2003. A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith. The Applicants claim small entity status.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-551CON-S2. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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